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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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FOR HABIB FROM HARTMAN

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MT, US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: RESPONSE TO MINTOFF INVITATION

REF: VALLETTA 591 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING MINTOFF'S INVITATION TO YOU DURING YOUR RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE, WE HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR LAINGEN FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE ADVISABILITY OF A VISIT BY YOU TO MALTA. LAINGEN FAVORS YOUR TALKING WITH MINTOFF BUT BELIEVES TIMING OF A VISIT IS DELICATE IN LIGHT OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO DECIDE MALTA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE. MINTOFF'S PURPOSE IS AT LEAST PARTLY TO INVOLVE US IN HIS POLITICAL-ECONOMIC GUARANTEE SCHEME. LAINGEN URGES THAT WE NOT REACT TO MINTOFF'S REQUESTS IN WAYS THAT DETRACT FROM THE FACT THAT WE HOLD MORE CARDS THAN DURING THE 1971-72 CONFRONTATION. HE SUGGESTS TIMING OF A VISIT ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT STATUS OF GOM TALKS  
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WITH FRENCH AND ITALIANS ON EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR MALTA.

2. WE SUGGEST A RESPONSE TO MALTESE ACCEPTING MINTOFF'S INVITATION AND LEAVING QUESTION OF TIME OPEN.

3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO REPLY TO MALTESE THAT YOU WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET

WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE COURSE OF A FUTURE TRIP  
THROUGH THE AREA, AND THAT WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH  
WHEN YOUR SCHEDULE IS CLEARER AND IT IS IN ORDER TO  
AGREE ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATE.

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